


**Tid Bit's from the Wisdom
Wonderful Word**

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**Child of my love, fear not the un-
known morrow,
Dread not the new demand life
makes of thee;
Thy ignorance doth hold no cause
for sorrow
Since what thou knowest not is
known to Me.**

**Thou canst not see today the hidden
meaning
Of my command, but thou the light
shalt gain;
Walk on in faith, upon My promise
leaning,
And as thou goest all shall be made
plain,**

**One step thou seest--then go for-
ward boldly,
One step is far enough for faith to
see;
Take that, and thy next duty shall be
told thee,
For step by step thy Lord is leading
thee.**

**Stand not in fear thy adversaries
counting,
Dare every peril, save to disobey;
Thou shalt march on, all obstacles
surmounting;
For I, the Strong, will open up the
way.**

**Wherefore go gladly to the task as-
signed thee,
Having My promise, needing noth-
ing more
Than just to know, where'er the
future find thee,
In all thy journeying I go before.**

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RUN JONAH RUN

Now the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me.

But Jonah *rose up to flee* unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. **Jonah 1:1-3**

The Word of the Lord has been spoken to all of us. "Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage." If we are not busy about fulfilling that Word, then we are going away from the Word and we are fleeing as much as Jonah was. Whatever made Jonah think that he could flee from the presence of the LORD? Jonah knew God better than that. Jonah's problem was between him and God, not between him and man. Jonah disagreed with God. God was making a way for mercy and Jonah was waiting to see judgment. Jonah refused to surrender his will in order to do God's will, but never forget, God's will, will be done! Jonah didn't think these people deserved mercy! This is a great picture of the difference between God's thinking toward man and man's thinking toward man. What would this world be today if man were given the power of vengeance?

Jonah was not an unbeliever. He was not a worldly man, but he was a man of God whom God used to carry His word (II Kings 14:25). No man becomes so godly that he can play God in his own life or the lives of others and still think he can live his life separate from the will of God. I am amazed at the people who think they can be god of their own lives and still prosper. Run Jonah run, but you cannot get away from God!!!

SLEEP JONAH SLEEP



What happens to us when we turn from God? We lose our zeal and our strength and about all we are good for is sleep! Why get up? You can't help anyone because you have lost your power. But wait a minute! Don't you care about those you are causing to perish? They didn't ask for you to get on their ship. If you don't care about yourself, you sure will not care about others. Jonah forsook his mercy when he refused to show mercy to Nineveh. Now, not only was Nineveh days away from destruction, but every one on the boat was about to die, including Jonah. All Jonah had to do was repent and cry out to the Lord and the storm would cease, the waves would calm and they would be saved. Not

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DOES JESUS CARE?

Have you ever wondered, “Does Jesus care?” I have! Sometimes when we pray, it seems that our prayers hit the ceiling and go no further. Job certainly understood what that was like. Job went a long time waiting upon the Lord to answer his prayer. The Lord was there all the time, but Job couldn’t prove it to himself or his friends. The Lord was not only there, but He was on Job’s side of the issue, yet He remained silent until the work was completed.

Then there are the other times, when it seems that the Lord answers before we even call. I have been reminded lately of the caring hand of the Lord in my life over these 49 years that I have looked to Him as my Saviour, my Deliver, my Judge, my Tower of Protection, and my Shepherd who daily leads the way. I have been reminded of the compassion He has shown to my life in the middle of the troubles He has allowed in my life.

Years ago, when the Lord was moving Jerry into the position of the pastor-ate of the church, the Lord allowed us to go through great testing for ten months. It was financial testing, physical testing and by the end of ten months, it was mental testing. All of these testings produced great spiritual testing. At one time I had been going from hospital to hospital so many days without rest, that I had not been able to do laundry and I had nothing to wear the next day, and no time to wash unless I gave up much needed sleep. I didn’t know what I was going to do. I walked to the mailbox to get the mail and found a package from Mrs. Martha Green (Bro. Roloff’s secretary). It was a skirt and blouse with a note that read, “I was cleaning out my closet and thought you might be able to wear these. Love, Martha!” They fit perfectly. I said, “Lord”, “you knew all the time what I would need today. You do care, don’t you!”

Years later, I was on visitation with Mrs. Bobbie Mayhew, and we were talking about how the Lord provides for His children. We were driving on Central Expressway in Dallas, in the middle of traffic, in the far left lane, when all of a sudden my back tire blew! I told Bobbie to hang on, and I went across two lanes to the exit and rolled down to a service station. I picked up my cell phone and called my husband, who was all the way across town, and as he answered, my phone beeped in with another call. I asked Jerry to hold and when I answered the other call, it was my oldest son, Tom. He said, “Mother, where are you? Did you just have a blow out on your back tire?” I said, “Yes! How did you know?” He said he was right beside me when it happened and he realized it was me. He turned around and changed my tire and we were on our way in just minutes!!! Dallas is a large city and that could not have been an accident. Yes, God does care about the little things in our life.

The day the doctor told my mother that she had cancer, I began to really realize how much I missed my sister who had died the year before. I cried that week like most people would have cried at the death. I was having a pity party one morning that week and I told the Lord that it wasn’t fair because no one would be there to comfort me one year after her death. Who could know what I was going through a year later? I walked to the mailbox (once again), and there was a sympathy card from Bro. Randy Langford. He had just learned that week that my sister had died, so he sent a card as if it had just happened, and it just happened to be when I needed it. Does Jesus care and does He know how to show He cares at the right moment? Oh yes, He most certainly does!

But the most recent express of the Lord’s love for my life has been overwhelming. The Lord has really gone all the way to show His love for my life. My sister will have been gone three years this December. It has been a very hard

time for my brother-in-law and my three nieces. It is such an adjustment to lose a loving family member and nothing can ever replace them. The emptiness they leave behind needs to be filled, not by just anyone, but by someone who fits with the family that already exist. My brother-in-law began taking a lady to supper and they began building a friendship, but I was concerned because her life was not built upon the same foundation has ours. I began to pray for Jim. I knew he was lonely and I knew he needed someone to care for. He was a wonderful husband to my sister. Not long after I began to pray, he stopped seeing this friend. We were going to supper together one night and he told us he was not going with this friend any longer and there was a lady at our church that he wanted to meet. When he described her, I couldn’t figure out who he was talking about. The next Sunday night he came to the church and pointed her out. I couldn’t believe who he had picked!

When my sister died, this lady, Barbara Everitt, had come to my aide and had helped me with my mother. My mother loved her like a daughter. I could call Barbara anytime and she was always there to help like my sister would have done, had she been alive. We had even eaten meals together with Jim and he had never noticed her until this time. Barbara had been single for 33 years and was not looking for a husband, but when Jim saw her and she knew he had picked her out, God gave Barbara a different heart, and in no time we all knew they would be married.

Both Jim and Barbara’s children were in favour of the marriage and with their consent the marriage was set for July 24, 2009.

Because Barbara is such a close friend of my life, I am not loosing my close relationship with my brother-in-law and my nieces. I have a cousin that is like a sister to me and now we have a friend who will be a sister to us. I could never have done or thought to

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TID BITS OF WISDOM

It is already August and the year is quickly coming to the end. We hope you are reading your Bible daily and are keeping on schedule for the year. DON'T GIVE UP! Never give up! If, for some reason, you cannot finish in one year, keep going until you do finish, then let us know you made it. Many of God's people never read completely through the Bible. What a shame that the Word of God is not sought after by believers.

Tid Bits is looking into making some changes around the house. We are attempting to build a room that will hold all of our office materials and house all our books, tapes, records, CD's and DVD's that have been collected these 49 years. We have books that we have gotten over the years. We have Gloria's daddy's books. We have many of Bro. Roloff's records and books. We have books of Bro. Mel Rutter's (plus we have Bro. Mel's first desk when he entered the ministry). We have many of Bro. James and Jenny Crumptions books, plus many books of Bro. Dick and Rose Cimino. Gloria has collected music also all these years. We are praying that we can finally have a room to put them all on display so others can read, listen and enjoy them. It may take some time to accomplish this but we would like to start in the next few months.

To our faithful monthly supporting family, we again say thank you! We also say thank you to the ones who remember us from time to time with their love gifts. Often, we see friends who apologize for not sending us support. Many would like to support the work but feel they cannot. Others just don't get around to doing it. We always tell them that we are not looking to our friends and loved ones for the support of this work. True, most all of the support comes from these kinds of people, but we do not want to look to people for our needs. We seek the Lord and He touches you the people and we know that we are all working together in the work of the Lord. No one has the burden of keeping this work going but the Lord Himself and He has graciously supplied every need. Gloria and I believe very strongly that the Lord provides when He is leading.

We are beginning to get a heavy schedule for the fall, but we thank the Lord for the opportunities He gives us. Gloria will be speaking at a Ladies Get-away on the 8th and 9th of October. Gloria and I will be holding a family seminar in conjunction with a revival starting the 18th of October at Williams Road Baptist Church in San Benito, Texas. Gloria will also be speaking in March of 2010 at Harvest Baptist Church in Edingburg, Texas. We would ask you to please pray for us as we seek the Lord's leading in the ministry. Unless the Lord speaks, through us, we only make noise, but when the Lord's precious Holy Spirit speaks lives are changed and blessed. Pastors understand what it is like to attempt to feed God's people several times a week. The people need to see the Lord, not man, so remember to pray for those who feed you weekly.

We would love to have input from you about your ministries or about those who have blessed your life by their ministries, stories about how the Lord has worked in your life. We may not publish all of them but as the Lord leads we may use them from time to time. But it does encourage us to hear from you about the Lord's hand in your life. Don't forget about our web site, tidbitswww.com. May the Lord richly bless you and your family.

....Jerry and Gloria Brewster

Beware of material desires, intellectual pursuits, or human endeavors that would distort your spiritual values; discount spiritual truth; dissipate your eternal values. Open your mind to the Living Word. Walk in the fullness of the Spirit.

Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

Col 3:2



ANECDOTES FROM THE PULPIT

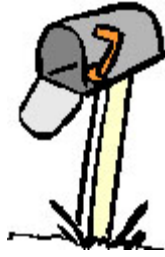
by Charles H. Spurgeon
(from Lectures to his students)

It ought never to be forgotten that the great God Himself, when He would instruct men, employs histories and biographies. Our Bible contains doctrines, promises and precepts; but these are not left alone - the whole Book is vivified and illustrated by marvelous records of things said and done by God and by men. He who is taught of God values the sacred histories, and knows that in them there is a special fullness and forcibleness of instruction. Teachers of Scripture cannot do better than instruct their fellows after the manner of the Scriptures.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Teacher of teachers, did not disdain the use of anecdotes. To my mind it seems clear that certain of His parables were facts and, consequently, anecdotes. May not the story of the prodigal son have been a literal truth? Were there not actual instances of an enemy sowing tares among the wheat? May not the rich fool who said, "Take thine ease," have been a photograph taken from life? Did not Lazarus actually figure on the stage of history?

Certainly the story of those who were crushed by the fall of the tower of Siloam, and the sad tragedy of the Galileans, "whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices," were matters of current Jewish gossip, and our Lord turned both of them to good account. What He did we need not be ashamed to do. That we may do it with

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by
Gloria Brewster



THE LORD'S EXCEEDING BEAUTIFUL WOMAN

Ez 16 (Part two)

SHE TRUSTED IN HER OWN BEAUTY

We found last month that after the Lord took Jerusalem as His bride, He washed, cleaned and dressed her, and then He said she was “exceeding beautiful.” Why? Because of His work and His comeliness which He placed upon her.

And thy renown went forth among the heathen for thy beauty: for it was perfect through my comeliness, which I had put upon thee, saith the Lord GOD.

Ezek 16:14

The heathen saw her as beautiful. The definition of renown is ‘a mark or memorial of individuality with honor, authority and character’. She was ready to be used of God to draw the lost to Christ. She was ready to be an help meet to her husband and His kingdom. She was the bride of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Her husband owned everything and knew everything and had the all power to do anything she needed. Her husband was LOVE! He didn’t just know how to love, He was LOVE itself. He was righteousness and she never had to worry about being mistreated. She had it all!

How many times do we say, “If things were just different, I would be what I ought to be.” We are fooling ourselves if we think that circumstances would cause us to be a better person. Circumstances reveal us, they don’t make us! Our lives do not depend upon what we possess. It depends upon who we are in our hearts and who is truly “Lord” of our lives. Look what this woman does.

But thou didst trust in thine own beauty, and playedst the harlot because of thy renown, and pouredst out thy fornications on every one that passed by; his it was.

And of thy garments thou didst take, and deckedst thy high places with divers colours, and playedst the harlot thereupon: the like things shall not come, neither shall it be so.

Thou hast also taken thy fair jewels of my gold and of my silver, which I had given thee, and madest to thyself images of men, and didst commit whoredom with them,

And tookest thy brodered garments, and coveredst them: and thou hast set mine oil and mine incense before them.

My meat also which I gave thee, fine flour, and oil, and honey, wherewith I fed thee, thou hast even set it before them for a sweet savour: and thus it was, saith the Lord GOD.

Ezek 16:15-19

This woman thought it was her own beauty that had brought her such honor! Her trust was in herself, not the Lord. What happened? She was clean

now. She could hold her head up high as others passed by. Her clothes showed that time, effort and money had been spent on them and it showed someone cared about her. Her jewelry must have been attractive and she must have looked like royalty which made her think she was someone special. She forgot who she was before the Lord came into her life.

This woman took the things her husband had given her and used them to buy the love of the world. Her job was to bring the world to her husband (Christ), not to leave her husband for the world. If she had brought them to Christ, everyone could have had life. We are to make a difference in the lives of the lost and bring them into life, not to become polluted with their ways. If she had brought them to Christ, everyone could have enjoyed what she had, but she took of the good things and spent them in vain. She didn’t help the world and she left herself empty.

Not only did she give away her beauty, but she lost her relationship with her husband. Why would she look for someone else when she had everything a woman could ever desire? She was deceived!!! She was looking for self satisfaction. She wasn’t thinking of serving His life, but she was thinking of being served by others. Who did she hurt? She did damage to her husband. She brought disgust to the world and she left herself looking ugly to all, including herself! But that’s not all.

Moreover thou hast taken thy sons and thy daughters, whom thou hast borne unto me, and these hast thou sacrificed unto them to be devoured. Is this

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Connie Cimino

Dear Supporters & Readers of Tid Bits,

I wish to thank you for your beautiful cards, caring notes and compassionate letters you sent since the home going of Mom. Perhaps one of the most meaningful came from an inmate in a Texas prison. He came in contact with us two years ago after receiving one of our tracts in prison. We shared our information about him with a missionary who does Bible correspondence courses and Jerry has grown in the Lord through study of the Word of God while he remains in prison. He writes, *“My prayers go out to you and all those whose lives Mrs. Rose Cimino has touched. Even though we prepare for the outcome and try to make everything as comfortable as possible, the pain and sadness are still there. I have come to know your family over these years and what I have learned from you all is to put and keep your faith in the Lord. His glory shines through every situation.”* God can use this man where he is to bring others to the saving knowledge of the Savior. Our lives are a testimony to others, no matter where we are. We will either bring a person closer to the Lord or we will drive them away from Him by our actions and words. May we strive to honor and glorify the Lord in all that we do and say.

Tracts have gone forth as well as song books and the leaflet that tells of Dick Cimino’s conversion from the Roman Catholic Church to the saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. This leaflet is available in Spanish and English. A missionary told us they sent Dad’s testimony, *“To God From Idols”*, to a correspondent student who is an inmate in a California prison. He wrote them back stating that he felt closer to the Lord. They believe Dad’s testimony had a definite impact upon this man. Thousands of Spanish tracts have been taken by missionaries and native pastors to many areas in Mexico, from the border area to Tuxpan, in the state of Ver Cruz, Mexico. We rarely know where our tracts end up or what results they have. That is one disadvantage to a printing missionary as opposed to a missionary on the field. We have to trust the Lord takes His Word and sends it forth where it is intended to reach the lost. Occasionally we hear of blessings or results which makes the hours of labor worthwhile. The tract is the biggest help to a missionary on the field and is within itself a silent missionary. It never tires, or gets sick, or discouraged. It never needs a furlough, or salary, or a building. The Gospel tract is always on the job wherever it is found. Praise the Lord for the printed page.

We thank the Lord for His provision and His love to us all these years. This is the 40th year I have been in the Rio Grande Valley serving with the Wonderful Word Publishers. My main service has first and foremost been to my husband and the raising of my two children. Through the years I aided the WWP but my calling was my home and family. Since the death of my husband in 2001, my main focus has been the continuation and operation of WWP. Our Spanish tract volume has increased, some old tracts have been revived and we look forward to doing more in the future as the Lord enables and provides. The Tid Bits of Wisdom has been an excellent revival of the originally Wonderful Word Magazine. Bro. Brewster and Gloria have done an amazing job. Both entities are self supporting of one another. We thank you, our readers and supporters, for your financial aid and your prayers and ask that you continue to do so in the days to come. We seek the Lord for guidance and to supply our needs. He uses people to accomplish His work. We need your prayers and ask that if the Lord impresses you to help our ministries financially to obey His nudging.

May God bless you in these trying and difficult days and may we

“I CANNOT DO IT ALONE”

**The waves dash fast and high;
The fog comes chilling around,
And the light goes out in the sky;
But I know that we TWO shall win in the end -
Jesus and I.**

**Coward, and wayward, and weak,
I change with the changing sky,
Today so strong and brave,
Tomorrow too weak to fly;
But - He never gives in! So we TWO shall win -
Jesus and I.**

...Unknown

SKIPPING CHURCH

A preacher woke up one Sunday morning and realizing it was an exceptionally beautiful and sunny early spring day, decided he would do what everyone else does, for a change. He would go play golf! He told the associate pastor he wasn’t feeling good and asked him to take the services.

The saints were all standing around the throne in heaven and one said to the Lord, “You’re not going to let him get away with this, are you?”

The Lord sighed, and said, “No. I’m not.”

Just then the preacher shot straight towards the pin, dropping just short of it, rolled up and fell into the hole.

IT WAS A 420 YARD HOLE IN ONE!

The saint said, “Why did you let him do that?”

The Lord smiled and replied, “Who is he going to tell?”

remain faithful to our loving Lord and Savior. I leave you with these thoughts which I often have to remind myself, *“Trust in the LORD...Delight thyself also in the LORD...Commit they way unto the LORD...Rest in the LORD.”*

Psalm 37:3-7 **...Connie Cimino**

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THE EXCEEDING BEAUTIFUL WOMAN
Part Two

of thy whoredoms a small matter,

That thou hast slain my children, and delivered them to cause them to pass through the fire for them?

Ezek 16:20-21

It is one thing to choose to destroy ourself, but I think too often we mothers forget that when we turn to sin we take our children with us. When we yield to Satan, we are sacrificing our children upon the altar of fire!!! We are influencing them to live in the world. Somehow we think we can be unfaithful to God and still raise faithful children. Boy, are we deceived when we think that way.

I have seen many Christians become beautiful after Christ put His comeliness upon them and then watched them look to themselves instead of the Lord. I have watched their beauty turn to ashes and it always grieves my heart. Many, many of God's children fall by the wayside because of becoming disappointed in a brother or sister in Christ. Satan is a sly old fox and his goal is to destroy. What was this woman's downfall? *She trusted in her own beauty!*

SHE FORGOT WHERE SHE CAME FROM!

And in all thine abominations and thy whoredoms thou hast not remembered the days of thy youth, when thou wast naked and bare, and wast polluted in thy blood.

Ezek 16:22

It is very easy to forget what we were before Christ took us to be His own. I try to go back on a regular basis to the day of my salvation. The night I was saved, I remember thinking to my self, that if it got any harder to be a Christian I wasn't going to make it. I was playing Christian and I had used about all the strength I had. I was empty and insecure. If Christ had not come into my life at sixteen years of age, my emotions would have destroyed my mind, and my fleshly lust would have destroyed my body. The Word of God began instantly to remake my thinking and my acting. I live with a boldness today, not because of who I am, because I am still that empty and insecure girl in the flesh, but because of who He is and the knowledge that it is Him and not me that is doing the living through my life. If I ever forget where I came from, I am a dead duck!!! My daily verse is,

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Gal 2:20

SHE BUILT EMINENT PLACES IN THE WORLD

And it came to pass after all thy wickedness, (woe, woe unto thee! saith the Lord GOD;)

That thou hast also built unto thee an eminent place, and hast made thee an high place in every street.

Thou hast built thy high place at every head of the way, and hast made thy beauty to be abhorred, and hast opened thy feet to every one that passed by, and multiplied thy whoredoms.

Thou hast also committed fornication with the Egyptians thy neighbours, great of flesh; and hast increased thy whoredoms, to provoke me to anger.

Ezek 16:23-26

No one is perfect! We all fall short of the glory of God, but it is one thing to sin against God in an action, and quite another thing to begin building our life back out in the world. Transgression is rebuilding that which was destroyed at salvation. She was taking the goods that the Lord had supplied and was giving them to the world. She was living there! God said she made her beauty to be abhorred. Have you ever seen a beautiful lady with an obnoxious personality? Beauty is as beauty does! Notice something else she did. She no longer chose with whom she would sin. She opened her feet to EVERYONE! When we turn our lives over to sin we lose our ability to discern. She just started acting

downright dumb!

Well, she has done what she wanted to do, instead of what the Lord wanted her to do and now the Lord will do as He pleases! Part three will give us a picture of how the Lord thinks and feels when we are unfaithful to Him.

But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the LORD: and be sure your sin will find you out.

Num 32:23

We all know this verse, but do we believe it? Next month we will see God in action.

...Gloria Brewster

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Charles H. Spurgeon

all wisdom and prudence let us seek the guidance of the Divine Spirit which rested upon Him so continually.

Anecdote Examples!

The Vestal And The Bracelets

Most men think because God hath blessed them with an estate therefore they are blessed. Alas! God often gives these things in anger. He loads his enemies with gold and silver: as Plutarch reports of Tarpeia, a vestal nun, who bargained with the enemy to betray the Capitol of Rome to them in case she might have the golden bracelets on their left hands, which they promised; and being entered into the Capitol, they threw not only their bracelets but the bucklers, too, upon her, through the weight whereof she was pressed to death. God often lets men have the golden bracelets of worldly substance, the weight whereof sinks them into hell. Oh, let us get our eyes "fixed" and our hearts "united" to God, the Supreme Good. This is to pursue blessedness as in a chase.

Surgeon And Patient

When I was in Belfast I knew a doctor who had a friend, a leading surgeon there, and he told me that the surgeon's custom was, before performing any operation, to say to the patient, "Take a good look at the wound and then fix your eyes on me, and don't take them off till I get through the operation." I thought at the time that was a good illustration. Sinner, take a good

look at the wound tonight, and then fix your eyes on Christ and don't take them off. It is better to look at the remedy than at the wound.

The Mentally Challenged's Mother

I know a mother who had a mentally challenged child. For the child, she gave up all society - almost everything - and devoted her whole life to him. "And now," said she, "for fourteen years I have tended my child and loved him, and he does not even know me. Oh, it he is breaking my heart!" Oh, how the Lord must say this of hundreds here! Jesus comes here, and goes from seat to seat asking if there is a place for Him. Oh, will not some of you take Him into your hearts?

Those that used Anecdotes were not story-tellers, but preachers of the Gospel. They did not aim at the entertainment of the people, but at their conversion. Never did they go out of their way to drag in a telling bit which they had been saving up for display, and never could any one say of their illustrations that they were

Windows that exclude the light,
And passages that lead to nothing.

Do all things in due proportion lest you are presenting the people strings of anecdotes instead of sound doctrines. That would be as evil a thing as if you offered to hungry men flowers instead of bread, and gave to the naked gauze of gossamer instead of woolen cloth.

...Charles H. Surgeon

**A WELL DRESSED
WOMAN IS LIKE A GOOD
ACTRESS.
SHE NEVER OVERPLAYS
HER LINES!**

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Does Jesus Care?

have done such a work that would keep our family together as one. Only the Lord could do such a work. Does Jesus care? Oh my, oh my, does He care!

Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

Ps 37:4

...Gloria Brewster

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SLEEP JONAH SLEEP



Jonah! You see, Jonah knew that while he was disobedient, he was still God's child. He knew his future was secure. He didn't fear death. As a matter of fact, he would rather die than obey! Have you ever had a child like that? **Sleep Jonah Sleep, but remember God is awake!**



JUMP JONAH JUMP

Many of God's prophets desired to die. Job begged God to take him. Elijah asked God to take him. There was nothing unusual about wanting to die. Sometimes living becomes very difficult, but God's people did not turn to suicide. They knew better than to take their own lives. Jonah told the men to throw him overboard and they would be alright. Why wouldn't Jonah just jump? If they threw him overboard, then they would be responsible for his death, not him! He could say to God, "I didn't do it; they did!" We put the world in a terrible position when we depart from the will of God in our lives. These men thought more of Jonah's life than he did. They fought to save his life, while he held the answer to their lives and would not do it. The world was showing mercy, while God's man was merciless. What a reproach we are to the name of Christ when we disobey. Going overboard was not the only solution. There was a simple way to solve the problem. Every man on board cried out to their gods (who could not hear), but Jonah, the man who served the living God refused to pray! **Jump Jonah Jump to obedience, not the water.**



CRY JONAH CRY

As Jonah went overboard, he must have thought that he had gotten his way! He had chosen to die rather than obey. Surprise! Jonah never thought he would live. Jonah didn't like living in the belly of the whale! He felt like he was out of God's sight and his soul fainted, removing all strength and power from his life. He needed God! What a shame that we would have to come to a place like this before we would surrender and bow our knees to an Almighty God, who is our Father. At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow!!! Wouldn't it be better to bow out of obedience and receive, "Well done, thy good and faithful servant," than to be forced to our knees?

Jonah cried out to God and prayed toward the Holy Temple. He knew to go to God's house for help. That's where the Lord was! God, in His mercy, commanded the whale to spit him out on the beach and gave him another chance to do the will of God and receive the blessings of God. **Cry Jonah Cry with your whole heart and soul.**

PREACH JONAH PREACH



Once again, the Lord told Jonah to go to Nineveh. He gave Jonah another chance to willingly do the will of God. Jonah went, but he didn't like it! Jonah was now obedient in action, but not in spirit. They that worship God, must worship Him in Spirit and in truth! The Word of God was preached and profited the people of Nineveh, but it did not profit Jonah. Jonah knew what God had prophesied about Nineveh killing the Jews in later years and Jonah did not think God should let them live. His heart wasn't in his preaching. Once again, it is the Word of God that works in the hearts of mankind, not the one who delivers the Word. **Preach Jonah Preach, but forsake not mercy.**



POUT JONAH POUT

What was Jonah's problem? He knew God well. He knew that God was gracious, merciful, slow to anger, of great kindness and repents of the evil (destruction) when man's works are right. Jonah enjoyed mercy in his life, but he resented God doing that for the sinners. Jonah forgot that he was a sinner just like them when God granted him mercy. Jonah forsook mercy!

Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart:

Prov 3:3

How many of God's children refuse to be merciful to others. A judgmental spirit is a spirit without mercy. God prepared a gourd, a worm and a vehement east wind and gave Jonah a lesson on mercy. God was still showing mercy to Jonah. God said, "Doest thou well to be angry?" Jonah declared that he was right to be angry. Jonah refused to say, "God, you are right and I am wrong." How sad!

Those who are obedient children, go away rejoicing, taking their sheaves with them. Those who remain disobedient, go away empty and pouting!!!! What's your spirit and where are your sheaves? **By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil. Prov 16:6 Pout Jonah Pout and miss the blessings of God upon your life.**

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Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity, love and power.

I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in His arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
Lost and ruined by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better,
You will never come at all.

View Him prostrate in the garden;
On the ground your Maker lies.
On the bloody tree behold Him;
Sinner, will this not suffice?

Lo! th'incarnate God ascended,
Pleads the merit of His blood:
Venture on Him, venture wholly,
Let no other trust intrude

1 Peter 5:6-7

Humble yourselves
therefore under the
mighty hand of God,
that he may exalt you
in due time:

Casting all your
care upon him; for he
careth for you.

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